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AND "VIDEOTEX" VIDEO DIGITIZING SOFTWARE

AND "ART STUDIO" VIDEO IMAGE RETOUCHING PROGRAM

AND "WORD MASTER" / "TYPELINER" DESK TOP PRINTING PROGRAMS

I have enclosed a disk with all the original video camera images as well as the retouched versions, labeled "SLIDE SHOW", and large and small printouts in a folder. The disk is self explanatory. The large printouts of the retouched versions of the video images use patterns for paper and ink colors. Some times it seems better just to print them without colors, in black and white only, and not use the substitute patterns for the colors. I have enclose a color pattern palette page to demonstrate the specific patterns substituted for each color. The multi-image pages are printed in black and white only. These small images show how the "WORDMASTER" / "TYPELINER" programs changes the aspect ratio of its 1 x 1 printout, elongating it vertically. For this reason I have enclosed a set of printouts of a 160 x 160 dot block showing how each of the printout options of the "WORDMASTER" / "TYPELINERS" programs each change the aspect ratio of the original image differently. The last of these printouts of the 160 x 160 dot block was made after using the "ART STUDIO"'s program RESCALE function to modify the image in order to get it to printout with the same aspect ratio as the original image through the "WORDMASTER" / "TYPELINER" programs. Lastly I have enclosed some photocopies of the original magazine and catalogue flat copy I used as video subjects. The images of the TS-2068 auxilliary power supply and the artificial fruit were real 3-D objects. The TS-2068 auxilliary power supply provides high and low regulated voltages and ground and is connected through a DIN connector to an OLIGER expansion board which is plugged into the back of the LARKEN ramdisk board, the artificial fruit is part of Linda's home decorating collection, which I got to a week before Linda was ready to place it out for the fall season. I found that the contrast of the video image could be controled by changing the F-stop (lens iris opening) of the lens I mounted to the camera. This is a 25mm, F 1.8 to F 22 lens from my 16mm BOLEX motion picture camera. The wider the apperture the higher the image contrast, and conversly the smaller the apperture the lower the image contrast. This is very useful in trying to match the kind of subject to the fixed separation of the video captures. The fact is that some complex subjects need to be digitized both at different overall levels and in addition at different contrast levels as well. This is what I did with the artificial fruit still life. These images were setup to be merged together and colored. Of course the use of the HI-RES screen display of the "EXTENDED PAINT" program with its 1 x 8 attribute file would undoubtedly produce a better

colored retouched image but since I did not have a way to print those images I stuck with the standard SCREEN\$ display load / save operations which all programs noted in the titles above are capable of loading, processing, printing and saving. I suppose I will be tempted to upgrade the retouched images to a HI-RES versions in the next few months. The same is true for rescaling the retouched images so they can be printed out to the original aspect ratio. Let me know what you think of the disk and printout images. I know. I know. I may have over retouched them. I can not help myself sometimes. Enclose are copies of the SMUG video digitizer, VIDEOTEX program, and VIDEO CAMERA instruction manuals. I believe all the current draw backs, especially the very low image res and coarse printouts will be overcome with the use of a full frame digitizer whos data is accurately divided by software into separate images to be butt joined and printed through the "WORDMASTER"/"TYPELINER" programs. Let me know what you think of the enclosed material, and if you have any interest in getting into vidio digitising with the TS-2068 yourself.

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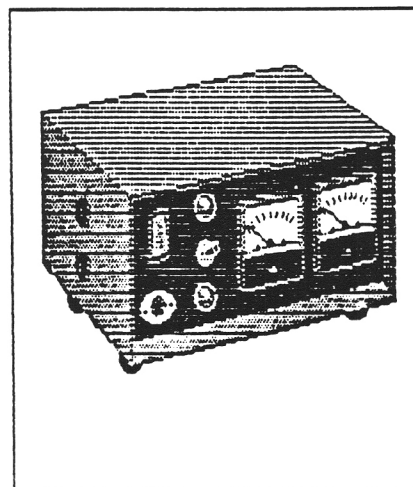
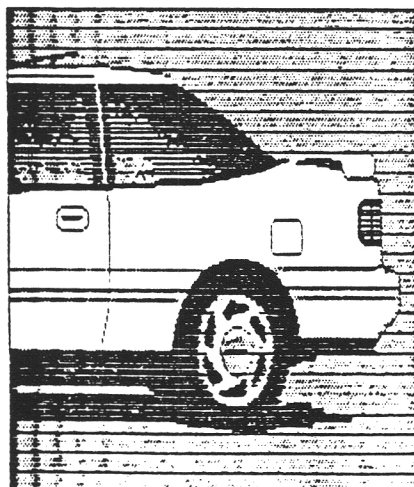
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PRESIDENTS PROGRAM

We got the Indiana Newsletter and they said that the next Sinclair Computer Fest/Expo would not be in Indiana. Is there going to be a fest this year? We the Sinclair users would like to know. Put me down for a ticket and SMUG for a table. I also suspect there will be at least 5 other tickets purchased for our group. In fact we will be there with bells on and would be glad to supply a speaker or two.

Has anyone heard anything from SNUG? Quite a few Sinclairites signed up at the Milwaukee Expo and we are still waiting for something to happen. I know it is all volunteer but all we want is a small word on what is going on. I am sure all the newsletters and other publications would spread the word. We keep getting smaller.

Has anyone heard from any dealers? I still get my envelopes back from RMG but nobody else sends a catalog or a postcard. We are getting many letters from new and old users and don't know what to tell them.

Up coming events: For directions call. Chicagoland Computer Fair & Flea Mart. Orland Park Civic Center. Sun Feb. 10, Sun. March 10 and Sun. April 14, 1991. Michigan Crossroads Hamfest, Marshal High School, Marshal MI. Sat March 16. Lake County fairgrounds, Lamarsfest Grayslake, IL. Sun, March 24, 1991. Madison Swapfest & Computer Fair. Dane county expo center forum bldg. Sun. April 7, 1991. 8am & \$4 at the door. Swapfest, Cedarburg, WI. Sat. May 4. 8 to 1pm Circle B Rec. \$3 at door. Lakeshore Hamfest. Manitowoc County Expo. Sat. May 11, 1991. \$3 at door. Swapfest 91. Amer. Legion Post-Oak Creek. Sat. July 6, 1991. SMARC. Hamfest & Computer Expo. Eau Clair WI. Sat. July 27, 1991. \$3 at the door.

Please note all you digitizer's out there. John McMichaels has a new print program for the digitized pictures. I have not seen any output from it but if it is anything like his other programs it must be good.

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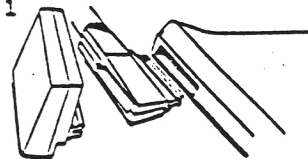
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In keeping with the SMUG birthday theme there were doughnuts and soda available complements of SMUG. If you weren't there you missed it.

The elections. Since we could not even get a nomination committee a majority decided that the current officers were doing such a fine job that no other nominations were necessary. And since no one else volunteered the current officers were elected unopposed. Thanks folks.

Dick, our treasurer, reported on our finances. They are good. We still have money in the bank and our bills are paid. Please note dues are due as Jan. 1, 1991 was the end of the current year. The following are dues for 1991:

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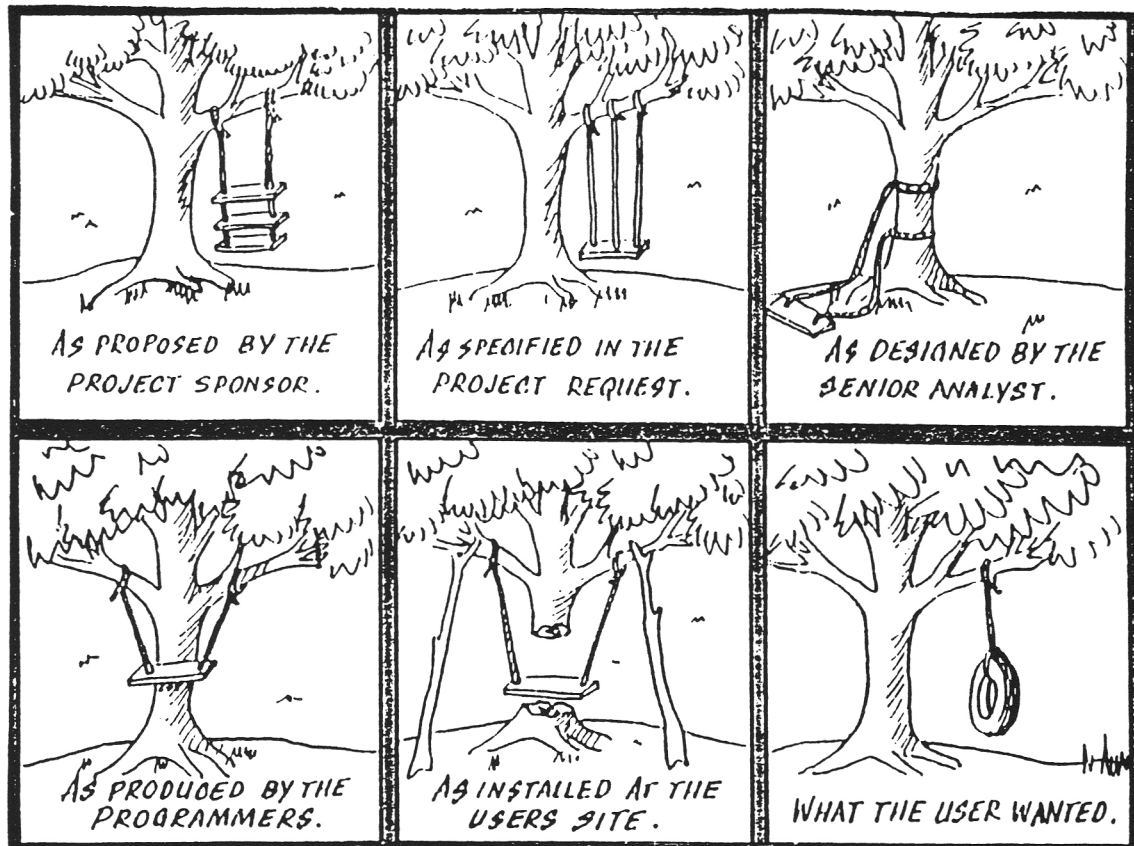
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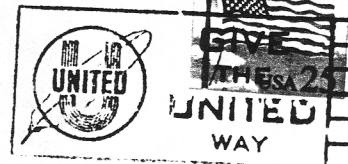
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6:00 Set Up
7:30 Business Meeting
9:00 MODEM continued

6:30 MODEM training using the QL
8:30 Pick Up your Cup
10:30 Clean Up

Wednesday, March 6, 1991

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8:30
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